Resolutions passed.

462. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table a full statement containing:—

(a) all the resolutions passed by the Council;

(b) the names of the movers;

(c) the dates of passing the resolutions by the Council;

(d) orders passed by the Government with respect to each of the resolutions passed and dates of such orders;

(e) the total number of resolutions passed and the number of resolutions accepted by the Government?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—In the absence of specific period for which the information is sought, it is not possible to answer the question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what was the difficulty of the Government to understand the time referred to in the question?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—For the simple reason that the question does not specify any particular period.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Don't the Government know when the Council was started?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes, but it is not known which period the Member is referring to.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does it not mean all the resolutions passed by the Council? It is not the resolutions passed when the Council was not in existence that I mean.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Passed by which Council? First, second or third?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In what sense was it understood?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Government really could not understand it and hence the difficulty to answer the question. Without specifying the period, Government will not be in a position to furnish any answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did the Government make an attempt to get the period specified for which the answer is required?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the reason why?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Because Government did not think it necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who decided it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there any reference made to the Government?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the reference made to the Government ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—All the questions are referred to the Government and Government furnish the answers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How managed you to understand that there is no specification of the period ? The question is very specific and it is only a period of eight years.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No period is specified in this question. Please see questions 468 and 469, where particular periods are specified and for which definite answers are given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—We are on question No. 462.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is not this Council called the third Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are not the Councils named the first, second and third Councils ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes. In this question, there is no such reference.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not possible to interpret what the member wants, that it is for the whole period ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I don't think so.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I believe Government thought that this answer is much easier to give.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Government thought that unless some period is specified the question cannot be answered.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The whole period is meant by the question.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—That could have been clearly stated so in the question, and the answer would have been furnished most willingly.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Why is this question answered by the Council Secretary?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—He answers it on behalf of the Government. There is no particular reason.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Since the Government have now been able to understand it correctly, will the Government be pleased to furnish the information ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If the Member will put a fresh question making this meaning quite clear, Government will certainly answer it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the fact that the Government have now understood the question, can the answers be given ?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If a fresh question is put, Government can give the answer. If you want this very question to be answered in the next meeting, fresh notice must be given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will it be possible for the Government to place it on the table this afternoon ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Because it is not possible to look up all the files and furnish an answer within such a short time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know if a fresh question is put about all the Councils will the Government be pleased to place on the Council table all the resolutions regarding which the question is put ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Certainly—yes.

Motions moved and passed.

463. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table a full statement containing.

(a) the subject matter of all motions moved by non-Officials and passed by the Council ;

(b) the names of the movers ;

(c) the dates of passing the motions ;

(d) the action taken by the Government with respect to each motion passed by the Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(a), (b), (c) and (d) The question cannot be answered, as it does not specify any particular period.

Resolutions moved, withdrawn, etc.

464. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table:—

(a) a list of resolutions moved in the Council and withdrawn by the movers as a result of the Government accepting them in the Council ;

(b) the names of the movers ;

(c) the dates of moving the resolutions ;

(d) the action taken by the Government in each case ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The question cannot be answered unless the period for which the information is sought, is specified.

Time between registry of a question and its reception by the Head of Department.

465. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the materials of the last three years will the Government be pleased to state the longest number of days that has elapsed between the registry

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